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Worship

PALM SUNDAY

April 13: 5pm

April 14: 7:45am, 9am, & 11:15am

Interactive Drama

(All services in the Sanctuary)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18: 6:30pm

TRE ORE

April 19: 12pm

TENEBRAE

April 19: 6:30pm

EASTER VIGIL

April 20: 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21: 7am, 9am, and 11am

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Worship Matters (Part 3)

Indeed! Worship DOES matter! Because worship matters, we take time to think about what to include in each worship.

As we have acknowledged that God trusts us to make faithful decisions regarding the specifics of worship, (based on the sparse biblical dictates) we named essential worship elements in Part II. Take a look in the ELW (our red hymnal) at any of our worship liturgies, (pp. 94 or 116 or 138) noticing the words in red throughout each worship liturgy. These are words of direction for worship planners. You might be surprised at the frequency of the word 'may' indicating flexibility regarding the inclusion of such worship elements as the confession and forgiveness, one of the creeds, and other optional choices.

At Bethel, who makes decisions about the precise shape of our worship? The Bethel pastoral ministry team along with the Director of Music spend much time together to make the final decisions for each worship. The educational staff also works closely with us. This planning happens in at least two stages:

- **Seasonal planning:** regularly we meet for advance over-all planning for a particular season, such as Lent, Easter, etc.
- **Weekly planning:** each week, we meet to consider all the options that are presented, implementing the advance planning and then honoring the specific significance of each week-end (i.e., Transfiguration, Palm Sunday, etc) Not only are lessons and hymns chosen, to reflect the focus of the day, but which choirs or instrumental groups to be included, educational inclusions such as first communion, children's moments, presentation of Bibles, etc., plus requests for baptisms, announcements from groups such as call committee, educational forums, stewardship presentations, to name just a few.

What is the role of the Worshipping Ministry Team? The worship ministry team meets monthly to discuss a wide variety of worship concerns, including over-all consideration of our space for worship events, (including sanctuary, chancel and Pentecost Room), use/ordering/placement of seasonal paraments in our worship spaces, usher and communion servers and procedures, long-range visioning and planning as well as ideas for ways of enriching our celebrations of the Christian Church Year.

Worshipping Ministry Team: Larry Veleke (facilitator), Jeanne Hilton (joint council liaison), Ann Dettwiler, Dana Lund Rice, Corey Olson, Marian Osterberg,

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Mike Thom and Steve Young, Amy Hartsough (Director of Music), Lisa Huber (Deacon), John Swanson and Margo Martens (Pastors)

Bethel Pastoral Ministry Team: Pastors John Swanson, Margo Martens, Jerry Tews, Roger Black; Deacon Lisa Huber

Thank you for worshiping with us! Your presence is always a blessing for everyone, even as we pray that our worship time together brings blessings to you. Thank you, also, for reading these worship articles and for thinking with us toward faithful and grace-filled worship, which leads us to faithful and grace-filled lives of service to others. May God continue to bless our work together. It is my deepest privilege to partner in this Jesus-ministry with you! 🌈

—Pastor Margo R. Martens

Palm Sunday Pig 'N Pancake Breakfast



Support Bethel Youth on Palm Sunday, April 14! Join us for breakfast anytime between 8:30-11:30am for breakfast prepared by the youth of our church. Menu includes pancakes, fresh fruit, sausage, and egg bake. The cost for

breakfast will be \$8. Free will donations will also be accepted. We hope to see you all there and to help the youth!

Summer Youth Mission Trip

This year the High School Youth Mission Trip will be to Eastern Shores, VA from June 23-29. While in Virginia the youth will have the opportunity to work alongside Hispanic immigrants to help bring the world closer together through cooperation and hard work. The mission trip also allows for the development of lifelong friendships through these shared experiences. Eastern Shores is located on the peninsula between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay which will give the youth opportunities to explore a different area of the country. High School Youth (including eight grades going into ninth grade!) who would like to join the adventure of the mission trip can contact Henry Elling at henry@bethel-madison.org or 608.257.3577 for more information. 🌈

Community Ministry Team Update

As we approach Easter and think about serving others, we're reminded of the Passover meal when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples (John 13:12-17). In this scenario, Jesus provided the ultimate example of service to his disciples. This was not only a gesture of love and hospitality, but most importantly, it was a model of what Jesus expected of his disciples in their service to others.



As the Community Team lives our vision of creating a culture of hospitality through service, in the past weeks and months, we've celebrated our gratitude for the service provided by others at Bethel. On March 17, we held a reception to welcome new members

and our bishop. We are grateful to Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld for inspiring us with her message and sharing her words of encouragement during the forum. Special thanks for her commitment and service to the 139 congregations she serves in the synod and for sharing her faith in action.

We extend a warm welcome to new members, Barry Dobbs and Jenny Cuccia-Dobbs, and their children Cameron and Nicolas, and Evan and Michelle Ford and Anja, and Kevin Kieren.



In January, we held an Appreciation Brunch for Bethel's ushers and greeters to show our gratitude for their ministry of hospitality each and every Sunday. Thanks to our ushers and greeters for letting God's love shine through them in serving others. Pictured is Leonard Massie, who has been an usher at Bethel since 1963. Congratulations and thanks to

Leonard for his many years of service.

As the new facilitator for the Community Team, special thanks to Heather Moen for her dedication as the team's first facilitator and to Jeanne Hrovat, Carrie Bernhardt, and Steve Borgwardt for their service to the Community Team. We welcome Jim Esmoil, and Chris and Errol Hartman for joining us as new team members and to Bonnie Orvick and Pastor Margo as returning members. We invite anyone interested to join us in our work. We meet the last Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please email me if interested at lootennant@gmail.com. We're grateful to our fellow team travelers on this important journey. 🌈

—Renee Tennant
Facilitator

Prayer Shawls Needed - The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been pretty busy again recently, sharing the soft 'n comfy creations with folks in need. So, if you get a chance, now would be a great time to grab your 2 knitting needles or a crochet hook. Completed shawls can be dropped off in the office. Instructions for prayer shawls are also available in the office. Contact Deb Holmen at holmendd13@att.net or 608.241.4751.

Bethel Horizons Needs You! Spring field trips will soon be starting and we could sure use your help teaching students about the natural world. We will train you with the appropriate knowledge to work with the students. Typically events are weekdays between 9am and 2pm. A rewarding experience filled with exercise, fun, satisfaction, knowledge, fresh-air, smiles and new friends! For more inf call Eric at 608.574.1992.

Lent 2019 Wednesday Activities (Apr 3, & 10)

- **12pm** – Worship in the Sanctuary (Holden Evening Prayer)
- **12:30pm** – Soup & Sandwich in the Emmaus Room (free-will offering)
- **5:30pm** – Soup & Sandwich in the Emmaus Room provided by the Ministry Teams (free-will offering)
- **6:15pm** – Worship in the Sanctuary (Holden Evening Prayer)
- **6:45pm** – Bible Study in the Good Shepherd Chapel led by Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Men's Current Christian Concerns (7am; Community Room)

Apr 4 - Just-in-Time Manufacturing vs. Intermittent Power Sources

Apr 11 - The Constitution: Part 2 | **Apr 18** - Life's Matters

Apr 25 - May AI Help You?

Grief Support Group (Apr 4 & 11) From 11:30am- 1pm in Room 100. Pastor Margo will lead this support group. You are invited to contact her with your questions or concerns: 608.843.3245 or margo@bethel-madison.org.

XYZ Activities: Apr 5: Chapel (9:30am) - Lent Bible Study; (10:30am) Book Discussion - And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie or QiGong or Euchre; Lunch (11:45am) Tuna Casserole, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls, Dessert; Program (after lunch) - Birthday celebration with bingo and games and prizes. **Apr 12:** Chapel (9:30am) - Lent Bible Study; (10:30am) Book Discussion - And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie or QiGong or Euchre; Lunch (11:45am) Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Fruit Salad, Corn, Dessert; Program (after lunch) - Mary Helen Conroy. **Apr 19: Good Friday - Not Meeting**

Caring for Social Justice (Apr 7; 10:15am; Borgwardt Hall) - Behind the Curtain: The Community Cost of Incarceration; We spend over a BILLION dollars per year in Wisconsin on corrections. Do you know what your tax dollars are paying for? The prison population in Wisconsin is on the rise again and the state is deciding whether to build new prisons or send people out of state to private institutions to serve their time. While it's been relatively easy to increase our spending on corrections, it's not as easy to learn about where that money is going. In this session you will learn about the difference between jails and prisons, sentencing and available programming, as well as the impact of these things on individuals, families, communities, and our society as a whole. **Karen Reece** is the Vice

President of Research and Education, at Nehemiah Community Development Corporation. Dr. Reece is involved in strategic planning and manages a continuous/dynamic evaluation program to ensure forward progress and quality control. She runs an annual public education workshop series on the criminal justice system highlighting racial disparities and delivers training upon request for churches, businesses, and other community organizations. Dr. Reece develops curriculum for and co-instructs "Intersection of Health Care and Incarceration", a course offered at the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health.

Chazen Tour of "Southern Rites" (Apr 7 & 16) - In 2002, photographer and filmmaker Gillian Laub, a UW-Madison alumna, traveled to Mount Vernon Georgia, to document the lives of teenagers in the American South. Over the following decade, she returned several times. "Southern Rites" is a powerful and moving visual portrait of individuals struggling to confront long standing issues of race and equality. You are invited to join Bethel member and Chazen docent, Mary Brennan, for a tour of the exhibit. Tour Dates are: Sun, Apr 7, 1:30-2:30pm & Tues, Apr 16, 10:30-11:30am; Email Mary at maryjbrennan17@gmail.com to reserve a tour spot.

Community Meal Program (Apr 8) - Bethel volunteers serve the Community Meal at Luke House, 310 Ingersoll Street, once a month. The next serving date is Apr 8. Please bring your food contributions to Bethel's main kitchen on the Sunday immediately preceding that date OR no later than 10am on the day of serving. *Contact: Janet Johnson at 608.274.6745 or janetjohnson44@mac.com.*

Friendship Club (Apr 12) - Front Porch String Band: "The Celebration of Spring" - Please join us for a fish dinner with all the trimmings. Our entertainment will be The Front Porch Band. This band has been together since the 1970s. Claire Lynch, who fronts the band, is a talented singer and songwriter, she is a three time winner of the IBMA award for female vocalists. Please make reservations with Judi Griffin (608.222.9290) before noon, Tues, Apr 9. Costs are \$12/ members and \$15/guests.

Feed and Read (Apr 15) - meets on Mon, Apr 15 starting at noon. Most of us bring a dish to share, but it's ok to just bring a bag lunch for you. Either way, we'll have lunch together while discussing *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan. It's the story of writer and poet Joy Davidman and her relationship with C. S. Lewis.

Christian Men's Fellowship (Apr 16; 10:30am; Borgwardt Hall) - Everything You Wanted to Know about Bagpipes, but were Afraid to Ask; Christian Men's Fellowship member Ellis Waller first became interested in learning to play the bagpipe when he saw the movie Gunga Din in the 1940s. In 1960 he found a bagpipe teacher and learned to play with the Chicago Stockyards Pipe Band, then played with the Chicago Highlanders Pipe Band, the Shannon Rovers plus the Scottish Educational Society in Rockford before moving to Madison. He was the Regimental Piper for the 338th Basic Combat Trng Regt. At Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. For the last 20 years, he has played with the Zor Shrine Pipes and Drums. You will learn about the origin of bagpipes, bagpipes in the Bible, and a myriad of other details about pipes and pipers and the latest bagpipe technology.



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5 LENT

Pastor Jerry Tews - Apr 6 at 5pm - Sanctuary

Pastor Jerry Tews - Apr 7 at 9am - Sanctuary

Pastor Jerry Tews - Apr 7 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Cry of the Congregation - Apr 13 at 5pm - Sanctuary

Cry of the Congregation - Apr 14 at 7:45am & 9am - Sanctuary

Cry of the Congregation - Apr 14 at 11:15am - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:45a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

8:00a Coffee Fellowship (Emmaus & Fireside)

Bethel Choir Rehearsal (Choir)

2nd Harvest Volunteer Sign-ups (Emmaus)

8:30a Childcare provided 8:30am-12:30pm (Nursery)

Library Open (Library)

9:00a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Bethel Jr! (Borgwardt Hall)

9:30a Children's Ministry: Sunday School, Choir and

Kids Fellowship

10:00a First Communion Session - Pastor Margo (GS Chapel)

10:15a Adult Bible Study (Rm 120)

Caring for Social Justice (Borgwardt Hall)

Prayer Partners (Rm 100)

11:15a Worship Service (Sanctuary)

1:00p Art Committee

6:30p Youth Group (Fireside)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:30a Community Meals (Kitchen)

12:00p Food Pantry Open 12-3pm (M-F) (Lower Level)

BLCEF Investment Committee Meeting (Rm 200)

1:30p Seekers Circle (Rm 120)

6:00p Executive Board (Rm 201)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30a Homeless Support Services (T&TH) (Pentecost)

9:00a Library Open (Library)

11:45a Women's Coordinating Council (Rm 120)

1:00p Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (Fireside)

1:30p Human Resources Team (Rm 120)

5:30p Women's Choir (Choir)

6:00p Call Committee (Rm 205)

6:15p Rebuilding at Bethel (Library, Rm 100 & 120)

6:30p Creative Worship Singers (Choir)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

12:00p Lent Worship (Sanctuary)

12:30p Soup & Sandwich (Emmaus)

5:30p Soup & Sandwich (Emmaus)

6:00p Bell Choir (Rm 202)

6:15p Lent Worship (Sanctuary)

6:45p Lent Bible Study (GS Chapel)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00a Current Christian Concerns (Community)

8:00a Second Harvest Delivery

11:30a Grief Support Group (Rm 100)

12:00p Blessings Circle (Community)

7:00p Bethel Choir (Choir)

Renew Circle (Rm 100)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00a Men's Friday Book Study (Rm 120)

9:00a XYZ Activities

6:15p Friendship Club (Borgwardt Hall)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:30a Food Pantry Open 9:30-11:30am (Lower Level)

5:00p Saturday Evening Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Bhutanese Worship in Nepali (GS Chapel)

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GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool: First Look

April Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

April 21 Bible Story: Easter. Matthew 26:20-30; 27:45-50; 28:1-7

April 28 Bible Story: Breakfast with Jesus. John 21:1-14

K-Grade 5: 252 Kids

April Life App: Hope - Believing something good can come out of something bad

Memory Verse: In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged!

I have won the battle over the world. John 16:33b

April 21 Bible Story: Crucifixion and Resurrection. John 18:1—20:18

Key Question: What does Easter mean to you?

April 28 Bible Story: Jesus Appears to Thomas. John 20:19-29

Key Question: What questions do you have for God?